

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-70 are pending in the application prior to entering this amendment.

The examiner allows claims 15-33, 39-44, and 54-65.

The examiner objects to claims 8, 12-13, 35-38, 46, 47, 49, 52-53, and 67-69 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The examiner rejects claims 1-7, 9-11, 14, 34, 45, 48, 50-51, 66, and 70 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Shono (U.S. Pat. No. 5,436,736).

The applicants amend claims 2-4, 8-10, 12-14, 35-38, 46-49, 52-53, 67-70 and cancel claims 1, 11, 34, 45, 50-51, and 66 without prejudice.

The application remains with claims 2-10, 12-33, 35-44, 46-49, 52-65, and 67-70 after entering this amendment.

The applicants add no new matter and request reconsideration.

**Claims Allowed**

The applicants thank Examiner Natnael for allowing claims 15-33, 39-44, and 54-65.

**Claims Allowable**

The applicants rewrite claims 8, 12-13, 35-38, 46-49, 52-53, and 67-70 in independent form including all the limitations of the base and any corresponding intervening claims.

Claims 8, 12-13, 35-38, 46-49, 52-53, and 67-70 and their corresponding dependent claims 2-7, 9-10, and 14 are in condition for the examiner's allowance.

**Claim Rejections Under §103**

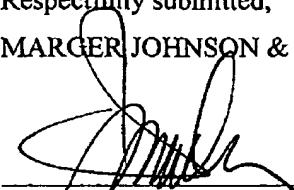
While the applicants continue to disagree with the examiner's interpretation of Shono, they have amended the claims to expedite issuance.

**CONCLUSION**

The applicants request reconsideration and allowance of all remaining claims. The applicants encourage the examiner to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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